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In re Application of:

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For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE  
HIGH AND LOW SHEAR  
RHEOLOGY OF MINERAL  
SLURRIES AND THE PRODUCTS  
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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated June 7, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 7 and replace Claims 1, 5 and 22 with the following amended claims, and add new claim 43 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for improving the high and shear rheology of a substantially grit-free and substantially fluid particulate suspension, the method comprising processing the suspension using a rotor-stator mill to produce a

# Rotor-stator  
# Impex mill

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